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AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 22, 2011, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment, Second Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 of Hitoshi Sato (Second Sato Declaration) submitted herewith, and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.